

Amrit Bharat Station Scheme envisages to take up 1275 railway stations

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Why is in news? Amrit Bharat Station Scheme envisages to take up 1275 railway stations across country for upgradation, modernisation: Ashwini Vaishnaw

Union Ministry of Railways has said that the recently launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, envisages to take up 1275 railway stations across the country for upgradation and modernisation.

Under this, stations will be equipped with facilities inspired by the **mega-upgradation of marquee stations** such as New Delhi and Ahmedabad, albeit **at a lower cost**.

Key features of these proposed stations include provisions for roof top plazas, longer platforms, ballast-less tracks, and 5G connectivity.

The scheme will subsume all previous redevelopment projects where work is yet to begin.

The model **envisages low-cost redevelopment of stations** which can be executed timely.

Zonal railways have been given the responsibility of selecting stations, which will then be approved by a committee of senior railway officials.

Plans and consequent budgets will only be approved on the basis of factors such as footfall and inputs from stakeholders.

Facilities Planned under this Scheme:

Provision for Roof Plaza to be created in future

Free Wi-Fi, space for 5G mobile towers

Smooth access by widening of roads, removal of unwanted structures, properly designed signages, dedicated pedestrian pathways, well-planned parking areas, improved lighting etc.

High level platforms (760-840 mm) at all stations with a length of 600 metres

Special amenities for the disabled

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